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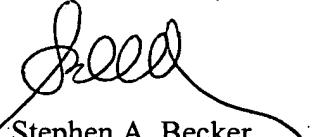
action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

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